

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Both democracy and capitalism support the idea of the vox populi -- whether we are speaking in votes or speaking in dollars. We have the opportunity in this country to move forward, creating a more diverse media. We've already seen with commercial radio how consolidation has hurt local markets, hindering any kind of original content or real quality. Please don't encourage this in the realm of television, and protect our rights as consumers to choose between more than one option.